

**PATENT**

**Docket No.: 12607/5**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Takahiro AMANAI  
SERIAL NO. : (Unassigned)  
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FOR : IMAGE PICKUP LENS UNIT AND IMAGE PICKUP  
DEVICE

GROUP ART UNIT :

EXAMINER :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An image pickup lens unit comprising at least three optical elements having at least an air interval for forming an air lens wherein the optical elements are formed unitarily wherein the optical elements are cemented mutually between the other optical elements which neighbors in an optical axis or between sandwiching members which are disposed between the other optical elements.